

This is truly an exciting initiative. I live in Portland, CT close to where the Airline Trail may be someday. I attended a town meeting a while back where some ideas were presented regarding a possible extension of the Airline Trail through Portland. The public was also able to talk about their ideas and role they would like to play in its development. Many people, including myself, expressed their interest in helping and seeing that the trail would eventually extend through Portland.

I am a member of the Middlesex Land Trust. The trust has a preserve (Palmer Preserve) with numerous hiking trails and features on each side of where the Airline Trail will likely be. This will likely add to the enjoyment of people walking in this section.

Personally, I am an avid hiker and therefore am especially in favor of the future development the Air Line Trail in Portland and Connecticut. I appreciate the many people in my town's government and state government who support the Airline Trail development.

Thank you so much,

Steven R. Crusberg
375 Gospel La.
Portland